

Starmill Tuesday night Oct 3^d /63.

My dear sir.

I have written to you repeatedly by mail, but as I have received no answer to my letters I suppose you do not receive them. Mrs. King who arrived here this evening says you are under the impression, that we have left here for Frederick we never expected to leave here before the 1st of November, it is still doubtful when we will leave, as we have not heard a word from Mr. Braxton since he left here, a couple months ago. we suppose that he has taken the negroes to Frederick, and are making preparations by building more cabins adding to the house &c. to receive us. but it is very strange that neither Mrs. Braxton's master or Mr. Braxton writes or sends to us. they may have written but we have not received their letters. we are in daily expectation of the carts coming, but have no idea when they will be here. if you write immediately I think I will get your letter before I leave here. the last letter I received from you was written on the 24th of September, my last letter to you was written on the 3rd /63rd of Oct. I was truly sorry to hear through Mrs. King that Ben Priscatt had lost one of his children his second child he says. he was a poor little fellow, and I feel for the parents. remember me kindly to them, and say to them that they have my deepest sympathies. I am afraid to hear that Charles family have not left Mr. Priscatt's there is no chance of their getting home now. and they are

much more comfortable than they would be
in Houston, I have not heard from May
for sometime; I thought she had left for
Houston, as she wrote me in her last letter
that she would leave in a few days.
I feel very anxious to hear from home
I am afraid the persons remaining in the
country below will suffer for food, as the
enemy will doubtless take all the provision
out of the country. I feel very anxious to hear
from you. I intended returning home from
Houston, but I suppose it will not be
practicable unless we succeed in whipping
the Yankees back, which I trust we will do,
if you have heard anything from below
please let me know. I wrote to you on
Saturday last, I will send by Mr King
if he can take them a shirt and pair of
pants for Seven. I expect he needs them.
Please give them to him. Mr Wightman
is still with us. He desires me to say to
you that he wrote to you several weeks
since, and he has received no answer to
his letter. I want to write a few lines to
May, this night and must close my
letter, hoping to hear from you soon
I remain yours most truly.

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Mr Ollie & Oliver
March 3/63
to J. S. King Esq

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